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Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, in paragraph 6 of which the Secretary-General was requested to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution, with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of the resolution. The first quarterly report, covering the period from the adoption of resolution 51/243 to 30 September 1997, was included as part II of a prior report of the Secretary-General (A/52/709 and Corr.1) submitted on 4 and 9 December 1997. The second quarterly report for the period 1 October through 31 December 1997 was submitted on 10 March 1998 (A/C.5/52/43). The third quarterly report for the period 1 January through 31 March 1998 was submitted on 6 May 1998 (A/C.5/52/51). The present report covers the period from 1 April through 30 June 1998.

2. During the period, 14 new type II gratis personnel started their service, as detailed in the table below. During the same period, 85 type II gratis personnel concluded their assignments, resulting in a net decrease of 71 (from 246 to 175).

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Department/Office	*Functional title*	*Nationality*	*Functions*	*Date on which service began*	*Expiration date of engagement*
Department of Peacekeeping Operations (8 persons)	Claims Officer (1) Desk Officer (1) Duty Officer (1) Logistics Officer (1) Mission Development Officer (1) Planning Officer (1) Programme Officer (2)	Brazil (1) Denmark (1) Germany (1) Italy (1) Netherlands (1) Sweden (2) United Kingdom (1)	These gratis personnel perform specialized logistical functions in support and planning of peacekeeping and other field operations.	1 April 1998–29 June 1998	31 December 1998 (6)–28 February 1999 (2)
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (6 persons)	Investigators (6)	United Kingdom (5) United States of America (1)	Perform investigations for the Prosecutor's Office in preparation of trials.	6 April 1998–28 May 1998	31 May 1998 (1)–30 June 1998 (3)–30 September 1998 (2)

3. In the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the 8 type II gratis personnel who commenced their service during the second quarter of 1998 were accepted to provide expertise for very specialized functions in logistics, movement control, planning and supply, which were not available at the time in the Secretariat.

4. At the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, 6 type II gratis personnel commenced functions as investigators. These gratis personnel were accepted in order to allow the Tribunal to ensure effective and efficient processing of the cases brought to it, pending completion of the recruitment procedures against posts approved by the General Assembly in the Tribunal's budget. These gratis personnel will complete their duties on 30 September 1998.

Annex I

Evolution of the numbers of type I gratis personnel by sub-type over the reporting period

Sub-type	*31 December 1997*	*31 March 1998*	*30 June 1998*
(a) Intern	57	115	71
(b) Associate expert	95	91	85
(c) Technical cooperation expert	28	28	26
(d) UNSCOM	35	42	37
Total	**215**	**276**	**219**

[a] One gratis personnel in UNOV, previously reported as type II, was reported to fulfil the criteria for "non-reimbursable loans" (a technical cooperation expert) and was therefore retroactively reclassified as type I. A second technical cooperation expert had been on board with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean since September 1997, but was only reported in early July 1998.

Annex II

Gratis personnel, type II, by department, nationality and duration of service

(as at 30 June 1998)

Country of nationality	*Count*	*Under 1 year*	*1 to 2 years*	*2 years or more*
Department/Office: Department of Management				
Norway	1		X	
Total Department of Management	**1**			
Department/Office: Department of Peacekeeping Operations				
Argentina	1	X		
Argentina	1		X	
Australia	4		X	
Australia	1			X
Austria	1	X		
Austria	2			X
Belgium	1		X	
Belgium	3			X
Brazil	1	X		
Brazil	2		X	
Brazil	3			X
Canada	1	X		
Canada	1		X	
Canada	2			X
Czech Republic	1			X
Denmark	1	X		
Denmark	1			X
France	1		X	
France	6			X
Germany	1	X		
Germany	1		X	
Germany	3			X
Guatemala	1		X	
Ireland	1		X	
Ireland	1			X
Italy	1	X		
Italy	2		X	
Italy	6			X
Namibia	1		X	
Netherlands	1	X		
Netherlands	3			X
Norway	1		X	
Norway	4			X

Country of nationality	*Count*	*Under 1 year*	*1 to 2 years*	*2 years or more*
New Zealand	1		X	
Russian Federation	1		X	
Russian Federation	2			X
South Africa	1			X
Singapore	1	X		
Singapore	2		X	
Slovakia	1		X	
Spain	2		X	
Spain	1			X
Sweden	2	X		
Sweden	1		X	
Sweden	4			X
Switzerland	1		X	
Switzerland	1			X
Turkmenistan	1			X
Turkey	2		X	
Turkey	1			X
United Kingdom	2	X		
United Kingdom	4		X	
United Kingdom	2			X
United States of America	3		X	
United States of America	9			X
Total Department of Peacekeeping Operations	**106**			
Department/Office: International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia				
Australia	1		X	
Austria	1	X		
Belgium	1	X		
Canada	3	X		
Cameroon	1	X		
China	1		X	
Denmark	1		X	
Finland	1			X
France	3		X	
Greece	1	X		
Iran	1	X		
Italy	2		X	
Italy	1			X
Malaysia	1	X		
Mali	1	X		
Netherlands	2	X		
Norway	1	X		
Sweden	1	X		

Country of nationality	*Count*	*Under 1 year*	*1 to 2 years*	*2 years or more*
Switzerland	1		X	
Switzerland	1			X
United Kingdom	4	X		
United Kingdom	2		X	
United Kingdom	1			X
United States of America	4	X		
United States of America	1		X	
United States of America	4			X
Total International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia	**42**			
Department/Office: International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda				
Denmark	1	X		
Denmark	1			X
Germany	1			X
Netherlands	6	X		
Total International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda	**9**			
Department/Office: Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs				
Colombia	2			X
Costa Rica	1			X
Ecuador	2			X
Egypt	1			X
Guatemala	3			X
Peru	3			X
Venezuela	3			X
Total Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	**15**			
Department/Office: United Nations Office for the Iraq Programme				
France	1		X	
Total United Nations Office for the Iraq Programme	**1**			
Department/Office: United Nations Office at Nairobi				
Belgium	1			X
Total United Nations Office at Nairobi	**1**			
Grand total	**175**			

Annex III

Evolution of the numbers of type II gratis personnel by Department over the reporting period

Department Office	*31 December 1997*	*31 March 1998*	*30 June 1998*
Department of Economic and Social Affairs	5	4	0
Department of Management	4	4	1
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	128	113	106[a]
Economic Commission for Europe	1	2	0
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia	48	63	42
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda	7	15	9
Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (formerly Department of Humanitarian Affairs)	60	42	15[b]
Office of Internal Oversight Services	1	1	0
United Nations Office for the Iraq Programme	1	1	1
United Nations Office at Nairobi	1	1	1
Total	**256**	**246**	**175**

[a] Vacancy announcements have been issued as of 2 July 1998 to appoint staff members in replacement of gratis personnel in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

[b] These gratis personnel in the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs are available on an "as-and-when-needed" basis as part of the United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) teams.

Annex IV

Gratis personnel, type II, by nationality

(as at 30 June 1998)

Country of nationality	*Count*
Argentina	2
Australia	6
Austria	4
Belgium	6
Brazil	6
Cameroon	1
Canada	7
China	1
Colombia	2
Costa Rica	1
Czech Republic	1
Denmark	5
Ecuador	2
Egypt	1
Finland	1
France	11
Germany	6
Greece	1
Guatemala	4
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1
Ireland	2
Italy	12
Malaysia	1
Mali	1
Namibia	1
Netherlands	12
New Zealand	1
Norway	7
Peru	3
Russian Federation	3
Singapore	3
Slovakia	1
South Africa	1
Spain	3
Sweden	8
Switzerland	4
Turkey	3
Turkmenistan	1
United Kingdom	15
United States of America	21
Venezuela	3
Number of countries: 41	**Total, type II: 175**